Alternative road on the bank of Tindi in HP

†918.SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road from tribal district Lahaul-Spiti Udaipur towards Pangi-Kilad of Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh is under Boarder Road Organisation remain closed due to heavy snowfall causing obstruction in the movement of farmers from tribal areas and transportation of their cash crops;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to construct an alternative road on this route on the left bank upto Tindi; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no operational requirement for construction of an alternative road up to Tindi.

Cantonments in various States

†919. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of contonment areas in various States of the country;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from the residents of various cantonment areas;

(c) if so, the type of such complaints and the States from which these have been received alongwith the measures Government have taken to resolve the same; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There are 62 Cantonments located in 19 States of the country as per list enclosed at enclosed Statement (*See* Below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.